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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS CARR IS (ESMAIL, SAMI)

SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN IN U.S. TO AID SAMI ESMAIL

1. SUMMARY. WE HAVE INFORMED ISRAELI EMBASSY THAT WE HAVE CONFIRMED TO CONGRESSMAN CARR FACT WE HAVE REQUESTED ISRAEL TO INVESTIGATE ESMAIL'S TREATMENT ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IF CARR GOES PUBLIC, IT MAY FUEL CURRENT ANTI-ISRAELI CAMPAIGN IN MICHIGAN OVER ESMAIL CASE. WE ASSURED ISRAELI EMBASSY THAT IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WE WOULD NOTE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND WE HAVE REQUESTED GOI INVESTIGATE THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPTOFF ALERTED ISRAELI EMBOFF JANUARY 25 THAT, IN LIGHT OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES INVOLVING INTER ALIA SOME ALLEGATIONS OF INADEQUATE CONSULAR EFFORT TO ASSIST SAMI ESMAIL, DEPARTMENT HAD FELT CONSTRAINED TO CONFIRM TO CONGRESSMAN CARR OF MICHIGAN THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF ISRAELI MISTREATMENT OF ESMAIL.

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3. POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT CARR WOULD MAKE THIS FACT PUBLIC. AT SAME TIME, MANY OF CARR'S CONSTITUENTS WERE DEMANDING STEPS BE TAKEN TO ASSURE ESMAIL RECEIVED PROPER

TREATMENT. DEPTOFF ASKED THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY REQUEST MFA TO INFORM INTERIOR MINISTRY THAT IF OUR INVESTIGATION

REQUEST BECAME PUBLICIZED, IT WOULD NOT REFLECT USG EFFORT TO "PRESSURE" INTERIOR MINISTRY BUT, INSTEAD, FACT THAT DEPARTMENT ITSELF WAS UNDER PRESSURE. FYI. CARR WILL PROBABLY ISSUE PRESS STATEMENT JANUARY 26.

4. LATER, ISRAELI MINISTER BAR-ON CALLED DEPTASSISTSEC VELIOTES TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER LEARNING THAT WE HAD INFORMED CONGRESSMAN CARR OF OUR REQUEST TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. BAR-ON NOTED THAT FROM HIS LATEST REPORT FROM ISRAELI CONSULATE IN AREA, IN AND AROUND MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS AT EAST LANSING THERE WAS DEVELOPING PUBLIC CAMPAIGN OF "CALUMNY" AGAINST ISRAEL CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE THOUGHT THAT ANY PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION RE OUR REQUEST TO GOI BY CONGRESSMAN CARR WOULD BE MISUSED TO ISRAEL'S DISADVANTAGE.

5. VELIOTES EXPLAINED TO BAR-ON THAT WE HAD CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES TO KEEP INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INFORMED IN CASES OF THIS SORT AND WHAT WE HAD DONE WAS MATTER OF ROUTINE. HE NOTED THAT INFORMATION WE HAD GIVEN TO CONGRESSMAN CARR WAS SAME AS REPLY WE HAD PREPARED TO USE IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, QUESTION HAD NOT YET BEEN RAISED AT PRESS BRIEFING. BAR-ON EXPRESSED EVEN GREATER CONCERN AT THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER OFFICIALLY AND PUBLICLY WITH PRESS. WE ASSURED ISRAELI EMBASSY THAT IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WE WOULD NOTE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND WE HAVE REQUESTED GOI INVESTIGATE THEM.

6. VELIOTES TOOK OCCASION TO NOTE IMPORTANCE OF QUICK AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND SPEEDY SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF RESULT OF INVESTIGATION. BAR-ON APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAYS ON PART OF GOI COULD RESULT IN ADVERSE PUBLICITY HERE. VANCE

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